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November 19, 1998

Jane Schlieff  
2175 East 5000 South  
Vernal, Utah 84078

Re: Partially Reclaimed and Unreleased Small Mine Operations, River Research, River Research Mine, S/047/062 (ML-45761), Uintah County, Utah

Dear Ms. Schlieff:

On October 19, 1998, the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) notified us of their September 24, 1998 inspection of the mining site along the Green River. The mineral rights for the project area are owned by SITLA and the surface rights are owned by a third party. SITLA's inspection indicated the reclamation of the small mining disturbance was satisfactory and vegetation had invaded naturally, however, some mining related trash and debris still remained at the site. SITLA's inspection memo stated they would release a large portion of the reclamation bond and retain \$1,250 until the materials relating to mining were removed or the surface owner submits written responsibility for the remaining material. Under our Memorandum Of Understanding with SITLA, the Division cannot fully release you from the reclamation responsibilities under this small mine notice until SITLA grants full release.

The Utah Legislature has authorized the Division to collect annual permit fees for all new and existing mining permits to begin July 1, 1998. Small mining permits (disturbance less than 5 acres) require a permit fee of \$100.00 annually. For the past two years, our mailings to you were returned undeliverable so you did not receive this information.

Given that the project site has been mostly reclaimed, but not yet released, the Division will waive the \$100.00 permit fee provided the issue of the remaining materials left on site has been satisfied by the end of the 1998 calendar year. After that time, the Division will send a billing for the \$100.00 permit fee which will be due within 30 days and annually thereafter until the site is fully released and the small mine notice closed.

A copy of our Annual Report form is enclosed for your use. Please describe the activities and reclamation at the site on this form and describe the outcome of cleanup or responsibility for the remaining debris at the site. Please return the completed form to the Division by December 31, 1998, to avoid the future billing.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (801) 538-5267.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Anthony A. Gallegos". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Anthony A. Gallegos  
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure: MR-AR  
cc: Will Stokes, SITLA (ML-45761)  
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